

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A syringe, comprising:
a syringe body that includes an outer member having a distal end and a proximal end and an inner member having a distal end, ~~and a proximal end~~ and a receptacle for receiving blood, in a direction from said distal end to said proximal end;
a bridge integrally formed with said inner and outer members ~~and disposed between said proximal and distal ends thereof~~ that joins said inner and outer members together; and
a vent that allows air to escape and being joined to ~~at least one of said inner and outer member~~ [[s]], said vent is continuously relatively more adjacent to said proximal end than said distal end of each of said inner and outer members and wherein said vent is fixed in position to define a volume in said receptacle for receiving the blood.
2. (Currently Amended) A syringe ~~of Claim 1~~ comprising:
a syringe body that includes an outer member having a distal end and a proximal end and an inner member having a distal end and a proximal end;
a bridge integrally formed with said inner and outer members that join said inner and outer members together; and
a vent that allows air to escape and being joined to at least one of said inner and outer members, said vent is relatively more adjacent to said proximal end than said distal end of each of said inner and outer members and ~~wherein~~ said bridge is relatively more adjacent to said distal ends than said proximal ends of said inner and outer members.
3. (Original) A syringe of Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2 wherein said vent contacts said proximal end of said inner member.

4. (Original) A syringe of Claim 1 wherein said syringe is a first syringe and further including a second syringe joined to said first syringe for at least one of: creating negative pressure to draw blood into said first syringe and providing positive pressure to cause blood to move from said first syringe.

5. (Currently Amended) A syringe ~~of Claim 1 further including, comprising:~~
a syringe body that includes an outer member having a distal end and a proximal end and an inner member having a distal end and a proximal end;
a bridge integrally formed with said inner and outer members and disposed between said proximal and distal ends thereof that joins said inner and outer members together; and
a vent that allows air to escape and being joined to at least one of said inner and outer members; and
a vent cap joined to at least one of said inner and outer members for holding said vent to said at least one of said inner and outer members.

6. (Original) A syringe of Claim 5 wherein said syringe is a first syringe and further including a second syringe joined to said vent cap for controlling a flow of blood relative to said first syringe.

7. (Original) A syringe of Claim 1 wherein said bridge is spaced from said distal ends of said inner and outer members.

8. (Original) A syringe of Claim 1 wherein said proximal end of said inner member is substantially coterminous with said proximal end of said outer member.

9. (Currently Amended) A syringe ~~of Claim 1~~ comprising:

a syringe body that includes an outer member having a distal end and a proximal end and an inner member having a distal end and a proximal end, said body distal end includes a luer lock to which a locking cap is joined;

a bridge integrally formed with said inner and outer members and disposed between said proximal and distal ends thereof that join said inner and outer members together; and

a vent that allows air to escape and being joined to at least one of said inner and outer members.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for using a first syringe, comprising:
providing a first syringe including with an outer member and an inner member;
coupling a second syringe to said first syringe, said second syringe including a plunger assembly for use in selectively producing a negative pressure and a positive pressure relative to said first syringe; and
controlling blood flow relative to said first syringe using said second syringe.

11. Cancelled.

12. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of Claim 10~~ for using a first syringe, comprising:
providing a first syringe, wherein said first syringe includes inner and outer members integrally joined together adjacent to distal ends thereof;
coupling a second syringe to said first syringe; and
controlling blood flow relative to said first syringe using a second syringe.

13. (Original) A method of Claim 10 wherein said controlling includes causing blood to flow from said first syringe in order to test said blood.

14. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of Claim 10~~ for using a first syringe, comprising:
providing a first syringe, wherein said first syringe has a vent joined thereto; and

coupling a second syringe to said first syringe, said coupling step includes joining a vent cap to a body of said first syringe adjacent said vent, said vent cap including a mating body to which said second syringe is coupled; and

controlling blood flow relative to said first syringe using said second syringe.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for sterilizing syringes, comprising:
providing a plurality of syringes including at least first and second syringes in a container, said first and second syringes being adjacent to each other and being free of any package that separates said first and second syringes from each other, wherein each of said at least first and second syringes is free of any plunger assembly used to control blood flow; and
sterilizing said plurality of syringes in said container.

16. (Original) A method of Claim 15 wherein each of said at least first and second syringes has a distal end adjacent to which a distal cap is joined before said sterilizing.

17. Cancelled.

18. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of Claim 15 further including for using a first syringe,~~
comprising:

providing a first syringe;

removing a cap from said first syringe, joining a syringe needle thereto;

coupling a second syringe to said first syringe; and

using said first syringe to obtain blood while controlling blood flow relative to said first syringe using said second syringe.

19. (New) A syringe, comprising:

a syringe body that includes an outer member having a distal end and a proximal end and an inner member having a distal end and a proximal end, said inner member defining a receptacle for collecting blood;

a bridge integrally formed with said inner and outer members that joins said inner and outer members together; and

a vent that allows air to escape while being used in preventing the escape of the blood and being joined to at least one of said inner and outer members, at least portions of said vent being located within said receptacle;

wherein said syringe is free of any plunger assembly used to control flow of the blood.

20. (New) A method for using a first syringe, comprising:

providing a first syringe;

coupling a second syringe to said first syringe; and

controlling blood flow relative to said first syringe using said second syringe, wherein blood is received by said first syringe and said second syringe is free of any needle during said coupling and said controlling.